

Living a life of Prayer



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Ladies event coming up on Thursday, March 31st at 7:30 PM at AMC Highlands (Bruce B Downs) <u>Movie:</u> Lost City with Sandra Bullock The movie is about 1.5 hours long. We have rented out the theater for our group only. Cost is \$10 per person Please RSVP and pay Rebecca Heaton to confirm your spot. Feel free to invite a friend.

If you would like to go, but need a ride, please let us know.





Mount Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner

The Mount Dora Childrens Home Benefit Dinner is Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 6 PM at Doubletree Hotel, Tampa. A sign-up sheet is located on our Information Hallway wall. Tickets are free and a donation is taken during the event. You may sponsor a table of ten for a \$500 donation or a Business sponsorship donation of \$1000. For tickets or sponsorship forms contact Sandy or Byron

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MSG-Mature Singles Group Saturday, April 16 Hostess: Vickie Green 5:00pm



MSG has a monthly potluck and card party (Hand & Foot) on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 5:00pm at a designated host's house. This month's gathering will be at Vickie Green's house. Vickie will provide an entrée. Each person can bring a side dish or dessert. For planning, please respond to MSG email "reply all" if you plan to attend and the dish you will be bringing. If you have questions, contact LaVerne Williams or Vickie Green.

"Living a Life of Prayer, Prayer of Release (R2)

March 27, 2022

Matthew 18:23-35 (NIV)

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.
³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 6:12 (TEV)

¹² Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.

Why I must release those who have hurt me?

1._____. vs 27 "The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go."

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

2.___

_____. Vs 33-34

"Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

Job 21:23-25 (NIV)

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"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

How can I release my hurt?

1.

Romans 12:19 (TLB)

¹⁹ Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it.

2.____

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

1 Peter 2:24 (NCV)

²⁴ Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And you are healed because of his wounds.

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Romans 6:6 (NCV)

⁶ We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross so that our sinful selves would have no power over us and we would not be slaves to sin.

Life Group Discussion

Share

3.

Name one bad thing and one good thing that happened to you this week.

Who, other than yourself, do you pray for the most often and why?

Study

What surprises you the most about the parable of the unmerciful servant?

In the sermon Neal mentioned that the unmerciful servant may not have believed that his debt was truly forgiven by the king and that caused him to act harshly toward his fellow servant. Are their other possibilities?

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When we encounter someone who is judgmental and critical, more than likely they are carrying guilt and anger in their lives. What can we do to extend grace to these people?

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How does unconscious sin affect our daily lives?

Support

By this time, you should feel safe to open up to your group and share. Take turns sharing if there is someone you are struggling to forgive.

Before answering, ask yourself these four questions to see if anyone comes to mind.

- The Blame Test: Who am I the most likely to blame for my problems or unhappiness?
- The Rehearsal Test: Who is the first person to come to mind when I think of my greatest hurt?
- The Scoreboard Test: Is there anyone I tend to keep score on?

The Reminder Test: Do I ever find myself reacting negatively to

someone because they remind me of someone else?

Serve Let each person tell whom they are going to invite and how they are going to invite them to the Easter fun day on the 16th and Easter service on the 17th? Make a list so that the group can be praying for them.

Be prepared, on April 3^{rd,} ,to discuss your invitation and their response.

Messengers of Hope Food Donations Needed by April 10

Messengers of Hope needs our help! We will be collecting food for families in need. Special needs for food include: Macroni & Cheese; Canned Meats Cereal; and Spaghetti Sauce

Please see Ruth Hemphill or Kris Ray if you have questions.

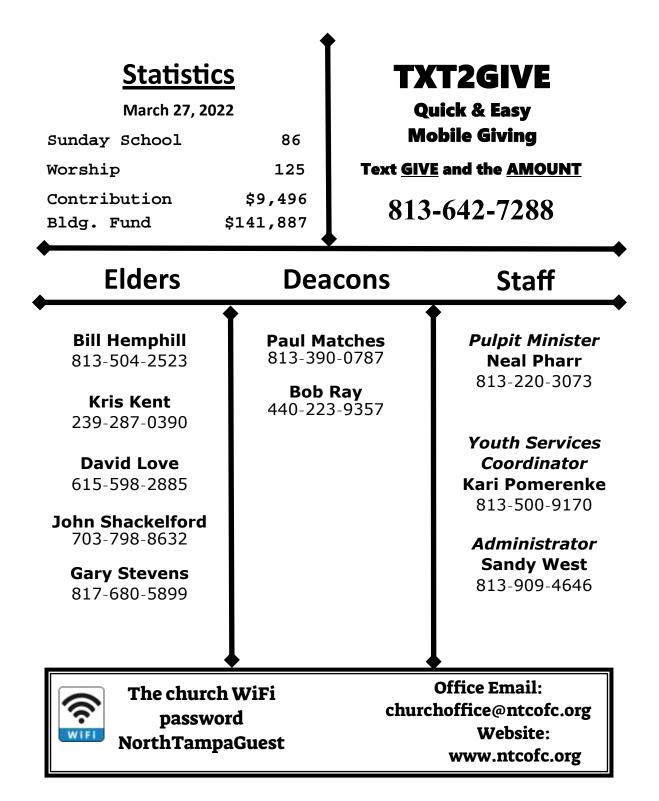




Check out our new website at NTCOFC.ORG



Join us April 17 at 10 a.m. for our Easter Service under the tent. There will be no bible classes. Invite your friends and neighbors. Following the service, there will be an egg hunt for the children.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Assignment	March 27	April 3	April 10
Coordinator	Byron	Byron	Byron
	Boyer	Boyer	Boyer
Greeting & Announce- ments	Bill Hemphill	David Love	David Love
Scripture Reading & Opening Prayer	Matthew Reed	Richard Hammonds	Todd Murphy
Communion & Offering	David Love	Ron Moore	Bob Ray
Closing	Brian	Stacy	Lee
Prayer	Hassenplug	Myers	Chatham
Nursery	Charlotte Kent	Sandy Boyer	Sandy Boyer
	Caroline	Nancy	Nancy
	Dumas	Pharr	Pharr
Coffee	Wendy	John Shack	David
Ministry	McCullough		Love
Greeters	Linda Vines	Linda Vines	Linda Vines
	Shelly	Terri	Terri
	Wallace	Franco	Franco

¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12